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11	CODY NICHOLS, an individual,	CASE NO. 07CV2039L (NLS)						
12	CODT INCITOES, an individual,	CASE NO. 07C V 2009E (NES)						
13	Plaintiff,							
14	vs.							
15	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST	PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN						
16	COMPANY, as Trustee For Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4, an entity of unknown form;	SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR						
17	DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY,	TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY						
18	LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,	INJUNCTION						
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20	Defendants.							
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23	PLAINTIFF, Cody Nichols ("Plaintiff")	submits this points and authorities in support						
24	of his Application For Temporary Restraining Order ("	TRO") and Preliminary Injunction.						
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26	I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND							
27	On or about February 24, 2006, Plaintiff consummated a consumer credit transaction							

("Transaction") to refinance his principle dwelling/residence located at 2010 Rancho Manzanita, Boulevard, California 91905 (the "Plaintiff's home"), by entering into a note with defendant Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC ("Decision One") in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Dollars (\$294,000.00)(the "loan"), secured by a deed of trust on Plaintiff's home. After February 24, 2007, the ownership of the loan was transferred to defendant Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for the Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4 ("Deutsche Bank") and the servicing of the loan was transferred to American Servicing Company ("ASC") under loan number 1127063815.

The Transaction was required to comply with the Truth In Lending Act ("TILA") in that the loan was used for personal, family, household purposes, the Transaction was subject to a finance charge and payable by written agreement in more than four installments, and the Defendants were creditors within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. §1602(f) and Reg. Z, § 226.2, note 3.

In the course of consummating the Transaction, a notary public was sent to Plaintiff's home late on a Friday evening, approximately 8:00 p.m. to sign the Transaction documents. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 3; *Pam Nichols Dec.* para. 4. Plaintiff, his mother ("Pam Nichols"), and the notary public were present. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 4; *Pam Nichols Dec.* para. 4. Plaintiff, Pam Nichols, and the notary public sat at the kitchen table and Plaintiff was instructed, by the notary public, to sign certain pages as she flipped through the pages of the Transaction documents. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 4; *Pam Nichols Dec.* para. 5. Plaintiff was rushed and not given an adequate opportunity to read the Transaction documents. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 5. The entire signing process took less than thirty minutes. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 5; *Pam Nichols Dec.* para. 5. At the conclusion of signing the Transaction documents, all Transaction documents, whether signed by Plaintiff or not, were picked up and taken by the notary public. *Cody Nichols Dec.* para. 6; *Pam* 

1	Nichols Dec. para 6. Plaintiff was told by the notary public that he would receive a copy of all
2	Transaction documents by mail in the future. Cody Nichols Dec. para. 6; Pam Nichols Dec. para. 6.
3	Plaintiff never received any of the Transaction documents in the mail. <i>Cody Nichols Dec.</i> para. 7.
4	Defendant Decision One failed to provide Plaintiff with required "material" disclosures.
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6	More than 2 ½ months after the consummation of the Transaction, on or about May
7	16, 2006, TSI, Escrow, Inc. mailed a package containing unsigned Transaction documents to Pam
8	Nichols. Pam Nichols Dec. para. 7. Included within the documents mailed to Pam Nichols were
9	Notices of Right to Cancel, which contained an erroneous date for the expiration of the cancellation
10	period, i.e., February 28, 2006, which had already past before Pam Nichols received the package.
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12	Pam Nichols Dec. para. 7. After seeing the Notices of Right to Cancel contained in the package,
13	Pam Nichols believed the right to cancel had already expired and Plaintiff was stuck with the loan.
14	Pam Nichols Dec. para. 7.
15	As set forth in 15 U.S.C. §1635 and Reg. Z, 226.15, the failure to provide material
16	disclosures extended Plaintiff's right of rescission to three years. 15 U.S.C. §1635; Reg. Z, 226.15;
17	Semar v. Platte Valley Federal Savings & Loan Association, 791 F.2d 699 (9th Cir. 1986). Reg. Z
18	226. 15 and 226.23 require that the borrower receive two copies of the Notice of Right to Cancel in
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20	a form he can keep, which must contain the date of expiration of the cancellation period. The
21	Notice of Right to Cancel is a material disclosure. Semar v. Platte Valley Federal Savings & Loan
22	Association, 791 F.2d 699, 703-704 (9th Cir. 1986).
23	On October 16, 2007, within the three year period, Plaintiff rescinded the
24	Transaction by mailing a notice of rescission, as required by TILA, to defendant Decision One and
25	Deutsche Bank. See, Exhibit "A" to Complaint. The notice of rescission was received by defendan
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Deutsche Bank on October 17, 2007. See, Exhibit "B" to Complaint.

On or about June 11, 2007, Defendant Deutsche Bank caused to be recorded a Notice of Trustee's Sale, which currently has October 30, 2007 scheduled as the sale date for Plaintiff's home. *Raymond Decl.*, paras. 4, 5, 8; Exhibit "DLR-A". Contained in the Rescission Notice was a request to postpone or cancel the scheduled Trustee's sale.

On October 16, 2007, Plaintiff's attorney sent via facsimile to ASC, the servicer, a copy of the Recession Notice along with a request to postpone or cancel the scheduled Trustee's sale. *Raymond Decl.*, para. 7; Exhibit "DLR-B". Neither any defendant nor ASC has contact Plaintiff's counsel. *Raymond Decl.*, para. 8. Instead, Defendants' changed the scheduled sale date from November 2, 2007 to the earlier date of October 30, 2007. *Raymond Decl.*, para. 8. Due to the California wildfires, the sale date was postponed to November 26, 2007. On October 19, 2007, having not heard from Defendants nor any of their agents, Plaintiff filed the above entitled Complaint, which contains a request to enjoin Defendants during the pendency of this action, and permanently thereafter, from instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining foreclosure proceedings on Plaintiff's home, from recording any deeds or mortgages regarding Plaintiff's home or from otherwise taking any steps to deprive Plaintiff of ownership of Plaintiff's home. A copy of the Complaint is herein attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "TRO-A".

Even though Defendants were aware of the rescission, Defendants, contrary to complying the requirements of TILA, have willfully and intentionally proceeded to foreclose upon Plaintiff's home by scheduling a trustee's sale for November 26, 2007. Only the issuance of an injunction will prevent the imminent foreclosure sale of Plaintiff's home and give Plaintiff the opportunity to be heard on the merits.

### II. ARGUMENT

The purpose of a TRO is to preserve the status quo pending a full hearing on a

1 preliminary injunction. Bronco Wine Company v. United States Department of Treasury, 997 F. 2 Supp. 1309, 1313 (E.D. Cal. 1996). A party seeking a TRO must satisfy the same test required for 3 the issuance of a preliminary injunction. *Id.* A party seeking preliminary injunctive relief under 4 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 must show (1) a likelihood of success on the merits, (2) a 5 significant threat of irreparable harm, (3) that the balance of hardships favor the applicant, and (4) 6 whether any public interest favors granting an injunction. Raich v. Ashcroft, 352 F.3d 1222, 1227 7 8 (9th Cir. 2003)(citing Dollar Rent A Car of Wash. Inc. v. Travelers Indem. Co., 774 F.2d 1371, 1374 9 (9th Cir. 1985)) vacated and remanded on other grounds by Gonzalez v. Raich 545 U.S. 1 (2005). 10 A. THE MERITS OF PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS 11 12

TILA and Reg Z contain detailed disclosure requirements for consumer loans. A creditor's violation of TILA allows the borrower to rescind a consumer loan secured by the borrower's primary dwelling. *Semar v. Platte Valley Federal Savings & Loan Association*, 791 F.2d 699, 703-704 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). Technical or minor violations of TILA or Reg Z, as well as major violations, impose liability on the creditor and entitle the borrower to rescind. *Id.* To insure that the consumer is protected ....[TILA and Reg Z must] be absolutely complied with and strictly enforced. *Id.* 

# a. TILA VIOLATIONS

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Under TILA, certain documents, including but not limited to two completed Notices of Right to Cancel were required to be delivered in a timely manner to Plaintiff, in a form that he could keep. 15 U.S.C. § 1635; Reg. Z, 226.15, 226.17.

Plaintiff did not receive "material" disclosures, including but not limited to Notices of Right to Cancel containing the correct date of expiration of the cancellation period.

The failure to provide "material" disclosures, including but not limited notices of

1	right to cancel that state the "specific" date that the cancellation period expires on the Notice of						
2	Right to Cancel was a violation of TILA, which gave Plaintiff the extended three year right of						
3	rescission as provided in TILA at 15 U.S.C. §1635 and Reg. Z, 226.15. <i>Id.</i> ; Semar v. Platte Valley						
4	Federal Savings & Loan Association, 791 F.2d 699, 703-704 (9th Cir. 1986).						
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6	Plaintiff exercised his right of rescission within three years. Therefore, the security						
7	interest upon which the Defendants' are basing their foreclosure sale is void.						
8	b. THE EFFECT OF RESCISSION IS THAT NO VALID SECURITY INTEREST EXISTS UPON WHICH DEFENDANTS CAN MAINTAIN THEIR FORECLOSURE ACTION						
9 10	TILA and Reg Z specifically describe the steps that must occur and their timing once						
11	a consumer rescinds. 15 U.S.C. §1635(b); Reg Z 226.23(d).						
12	Step 1: Upon rescission by a consumer, the security interest (in this case <b>the deed of</b>						
13	trust) is automatically void and the consumer owes no finance or other "charges". "Other" charge						
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15	include any closing costs even if they were paid to a third party. Reg Z, Official Staff Commentary,						
16	226.23(d)(2)-1.						
17	Step 2: Within 20 days of receipt of a consumer's notice of rescission, the creditor						
18	shall return to the consumer any money or property given by the consumer and shall take any action						
19	necessary or appropriate to reflect the termination of the security interest.						
20	Step 3: Once the creditor performs its obligations, the consumer must tender the						
21	balance due to the creditor.						
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23	Step 4: If the creditor does not take possession of the property within 20 days after						
24	tender by the consumer, ownership in the property vests in the consumer.						
25	Plaintiffs mailed their notice of rescission to Defendants on August 3, 2007. Under						
26	the statutory scheme, the deed of trust against Plaintiffs' residence is void and Defendants had 20						

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days from the date of rescission to release the deed of trust.

The deed of trust that Defendants have based their foreclosure action upon is void and unenforceable. Defendants have scheduled a sale date of Plaintiff's home for November 26, 2007.

# B, PLAINTIFFS' WILL SUFFER IRREPARABLE HARM IF INJUNCTIVE RELIEF NOT GRANTED

# a. Loss of Personal Residence Is Irreparable Harm

Defendants are attempting to foreclose upon Plaintiff's personal, family home. Plaintiff lives in his home with his mother and ill father. If injunctive relief is not granted, Plaintiff will suffer the irreparable harm of his home being sold and potentially lost to him forever. Plaintiff's home is unique and if it is sold to a bona fide purchaser, Plaintiff will be unable purchase the exact same home anywhere else. In addition, if Defendants' foreclosure sale were permitted to happen, Plaintiff, his mother, and his ailing father would be forced to move from their home, and it would subject them to the irreparable harm of public humiliation. *Cody Nichols Dec.* paras. 8, 9. Plaintiff's mother fears that being forced from their home would kill her husband. *Pam Nichols Dec.* para. 8.

# b. Deprivation of TILA Rights Is Irreparable Harm

Permitting Defendants to proceed with the foreclosure sale of Plaintiff's home could extinguish Plaintiff's right of rescission and his claims against Defendants.

TILA provides that the right of rescission is extinguished upon the transfer of the property. Reg. Z 226.23(a)(3); Reg Z, *Official Staff Commentary*, 226.23(a)(3). "A sale or transfer of the property need not be voluntary to terminate the right to rescind." Reg Z, *Official Staff Commentary*, 226.23(a)(3). "For example, a foreclosure sale would terminate an unexpired right to

rescind." Id.

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If Defendants are not enjoined from selling Plaintiff's home by foreclosure sale,

Plaintiff may suffer the irreparable harm of losing his TILA rights. If Plaintiff proves violations of

TILA, that he had the right to rescind, and that he suffered damages from Defendants' violations of

TILA, Plaintiff could be left with no remedy. Furthermore, failing to enjoin Defendants would lead

to Defendants being rewarded for disregarding Plaintiff's rights.

Allowing Defendants to proceed with the foreclosure sale and extinguish Plaintiff's rights under TILA, could have far reaching ramifications, such as the negative effect of encouraging creditors to disregard Notices of Rescission from borrowers and immediately proceed to foreclosure in a race to sell the property at a Trustee's sale before the borrower could effectuate his rescission rights through the court process.

Based on the forgoing, if Defendants are not enjoined, Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm from the loss of their personal residence and from the possible loss of their rights under TILA for which he will have no adequate remedy.

# C. THE BALANCE OF THE HARDSHIPS FAVORS PLAINTIFFS

The irreparable harm Plaintiff will suffer if his residence is sold through foreclosure far outweighs any harm to Defendants. If the foreclosure sale is permitted to happen and Plaintiff could have ultimately succeeded on the merits of his claims, Plaintiff will have suffered irreparable harm. However, if Plaintiff does not succeed on his claims, Defendants would be free to continue with their foreclosure sale of Plaintiff's home.

Thus, if Plaintiff does not prevail on his claims, Defendants will have ultimately lost nothing in affording Plaintiff the opportunity to have his claims adjudicated.

## **D. PUBLIC INTEREST FAVORS GRANTING INJUNCTION**

The public interest will certainly be served by the issuance of injunctive relief in this case. To allow the foreclosure sale of Plaintiff's home without first determining the validity of the underlying deed of trust undermines public interest. The failure of giving Plaintiff any Transaction documents at the consummation of the Transaction, along with the erroneously dated Notices of Right to Cancel sent to Pam Nichols raise serious doubts as to the validity of the deed of trust that is the subject of the foreclosure proceedings. To allow the foreclosure proceeding to go any further will not only be a gross injustice, but will violate all notions of public policy as well as frustrating the clearly expressed intent of Congress in providing for the rescission remedy in TILA.

# E. NO ADDITIONAL SECURITY SHOULD BE REQUIRED FROM PLAINTIFFS

Rule 65(c) requires that in order for a restraining order or preliminary injunction to be issued, a security must be given by the applicant, in such sum as the court deems proper. FRCP 65(c). Defendants have not removed the security interest, i.e., deeds of trust from Plaintiff's home, and continue to maintain said interest in Plaintiff's home.

According to tax records, Plaintiff's home is 1980 square feet with three bedrooms and two bathrooms on 9.98 acres of land. According to MLS, current listings of SFR with 9 to 11 acres have asking prices ranging from \$343,900 to \$399,000. *Raymond Decl.*, Exhibit "DLR-C". According to MLS, sales of SFR with 9 to 11 acres in the past two years range from \$275.000 to \$435,000. *Raymond Decl.*, Exhibit DLR-D.

According to the Notice of Trustee's Sale, Defendants claim that Plaintiff owes approximately \$311,548.29. Defendants are in first position. Using an average sale price of \$353,750.00 within the last two years and Defendants' inflated number, Plaintiff would have approximately \$42,201.71 in equity. Thus, Defendants have approximately \$42,201.71 in additional security for any potential costs and damages Defendants may incur or suffer if Defendants are found

to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained.

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On the grounds set forth above, Plaintiffs request that the Court find that the deed of trust, which Defendants have failed and refused to remove, and continue to maintain is sufficient security to meet the requirements of FRCP 65(c) and no additional security will be required from Plaintiff.

## III. CONCLUSION

Plaintiff respectfully submits that he has shown that a TRO, and then, a preliminary injunction should issue because while comparatively great harm may result from withholding this relief, little injury will flow from granting it. Further, Plaintiff respectfully submits on its face, Plaintiff's case has sufficient merit to support a finding that the status quo should be preserved until the controversy can be disposed of on the merits.

Plaintiff requests that the Court grant the TRO and then the preliminary injunction to restrain and enjoin Defendants, their agents, servicers, assigns, employees, officers, attorneys, and representatives and those in active concert or participation with Defendants or them, pending trial of this action, from engaging in or performing any act to deprive Plaintiff of his ownership and/or possession of the real property located at 2010 Rancho Manzanita, Boulevard, California 91905, including but not limited to instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining foreclosure or sale proceedings on Plaintiff's home, from recording any deeds or mortgages regarding Plaintiff's home or from otherwise taking any steps whatsoever to deprive Plaintiff of ownership and/or possession in Plaintiff's home, and in particular from proceeding with the sale of Plaintiff's home scheduled

for November 26, 2007.

Date: November 1, 2007

Deborah L. Raymond, Esq.

Attorney for Plaintiff

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Summons in a Civil Action (Rev 11/97)

# **United States District Court**

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CODY NICHOLS, an individual,

Plaintiff,

vs

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee For Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4, an entity of unknown form; DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants.

TO: (Name and Address of Defendant)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION Case No. '07 CV 2039 L

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY

Deborah L. Raymond, Esq. Law Offices of Deborah L. Raymond 380 Stevens Avenue, Suite 205 Solana Beach, CA 92075

Tel: 858-481-9559

An answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within \_\_\_\_\_\_ days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should completed the form as follows:

L(a) Plaintiffs - Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle intitial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giveing both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved).

(c) Attorneys. Enter firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place the "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, it officers or agencies, place an X in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party

IV. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate's decision.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

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VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference relating pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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# **JURISDICTION**

2. Jurisdiction is conferred on this court by 15 U.S.C. 1640(e), 28 U.S.C §§ 331, 1337. The Court has authority to issue a declaratory judgment by virtue of 28 J.S.C. § 2201.

# **COMMON ALLEGATIONS**

- 3. At all times mentioned in this Complaint (Complaint), Plaintiff was and is an ndividual residing in the County of San Diego, and was and is an owner of that certain eal property located in the County of San Diego and generally described as 2010 Rancho Manzanita, Boulevard, California 91905 (the Real Property).
- 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times nentioned in this Complaint defendant Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC hereinafter referred to as "Decision One") was and is a North Carolina Limited Liability Company in the business of originating consumer credit transactions described in TILA.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times mentioned in this Complaint defendant DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee For Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4 (hereinafter referred to as "Deutsche Bank") was and is an entity of unknown form in the business of purchasing and otherwise taking assignment of consumer credit transactions described in TILA, originated by others.
- 6. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, individual or other, of the defendants sued as Does 1 through 10 are presently unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of said defendants when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of said fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the acts complained of herein.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at all times mentioned in this Complaint, each of the defendants was an officer, director, agent, employee, assignor, assignee or

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27 28 associate of each of their co-defendants, and was at all times acting within the scope of such capacity with the full knowledge and consent of each said co-defendant.

# IV. COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporates the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 7 above with the same force and effect as if herein set forth.
- 9. On or about February 24, 2006, Plaintiff entered into a consumer credit transaction ("Transaction") to refinance his principle dwelling/residence located at 2010 Rancho Manzanita, Boulevard, California 91905, by entering into a promissory note with Decision One, in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Dollars (\$294,000.00), secured by a first deed of trust on Plaintiff's residence. The Transaction paid off the existing mortgage held by Washington Mutual Bank. The Transaction was subject to a finance charge and was payable by written agreement in more than four installments.
- 10. On or about February 24, 2006, Plaintiff, in the course of the Transaction, signed, but did not receive required Transaction documents, including but not limited to disclosures containing the Annual Percentage Rate, Number of Payments, Finance Charges, and two notices of right to cancel containing the date the cancellation period expires. Immediately after Plaintiff signed the Transaction documents, all Transaction documents were picked up and taken by the notary public and no copies were left with Plaintiff. As such, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1635 and Reg. Z, 226.15, Plaintiff was entitled to the three year extended right of rescission.
- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that at a date after February 24, 2006, the Transaction was purchased and assigned to Deutsche Bank. The Transaction is currently being serviced by American Servicing Company under loan number 1127063815.
- 12. On October 15, 2007, within three years of the date of consummation of the Transaction, Plaintiff rescinded the Transaction by sending the notice (Rescission Notice) required by Regulation Z to Deutsche Bank (the entity Plaintiff believed to be the - 3

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holder of the Loan) and Decision One (the originating creditor). A copy of the Rescission Notice is herein attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A".

13. A Trustee's Sale was scheduled against the Real Property for November 2, 2007. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that after Defendants and/or their agents received the Rescission Notice and a request from Plaintiff to cancel or postpone the scheduled Trustee's sale, Defendants rescheduled the Trustee's Sale to an earlier date of October 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in an effort to thwart Plaintiff's rescission rights.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Plaintiff restates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 13.

14. For a First Cause of Action against all defendants,

- 15. This Transaction was subject to Plaintiff's right of rescission as described by 15 U.S.C. § 1635 and Reg Z § 226.23 (12 C.F.R. §226.23)
- 16. In the course of the Transaction, Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1635(a) and Reg Z § 226.23(b) by failing to deliver to Plaintiff "material" disclosures required by TILA and Reg Z, including but not limited to two copies of a notice of right to cancel containing the date the cancellation period expires.
- 17. Plaintiff has a continuing right to rescind the Transaction, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1635(a) and Reg Z § 226.23(a)(3), for up to three years after consummation of the transaction.
- 18. Plaintiff sent a Rescission Notice to Deutsche Bank on October 15, 2007 via U.S. Express Mail. Delivery confirmation shows that it was received on October 17, 2007. A copy of the U.S. Postal delivery confirmation is herein attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "B". Plaintiff sent a Rescission Notice to Decision One on October 15, 2007 via First Class Certified U.S. Mail, postage fully prepaid.

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Defendants	to compl	y with the	requirem	ents	of 15 L	J.S.C	c. §163	5(b)	and	Reg	Z §
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- 20. As a result of the failure of Defendants to comply with the provisions of the TILA and Reg Z, Plaintiff is entitled to:
  - (a) Rescission of the Transaction;
  - (b) Termination of any security interest in Plaintiff's property created under the transaction;
  - (c) Return of any money or property given by Plaintiff to anyone, including defendants, in connection with the Transaction;
  - (d) Statutory damages of \$2,000.00 for Defendants' failure to respond properly to Plaintiff's Rescission Notice;
  - (e) Forfeiture of return of loan proceeds;
  - (f) An injunction, enjoining Defendants and their agents, attorneys, servicers and anyone acting on their behalf, during the pendency of this action, and permanently thereafter, from instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining foreclosure proceedings on the Plaintiff's property, from recording any deeds or mortgages regarding the property or from otherwise taking any steps to deprive Plaintiff of ownership of that property;
  - (g) Actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial; and

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(g) Costs and Reasonable attorney's fee.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Quiet Title)

- 21. For a Fourth Cause of Action against the defendants Plaintiff restates the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 20.
- 22. Deutsche Bank claims an interest adverse to Plaintiff in the Real Property in the form of the trust deed recorded pursuant to the Transaction, and Plaintiff is seeking to quiet title against the claims of Deutsche Bank under such trust deed.
- 23. Plaintiff seeks to quiet title as of February 24, 2006, the date of consummation of the Transaction.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that this Court:

ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:

- 1. Assume jurisdiction of this case;
- 2. Declare the security interest in Plaintiff's home void;
- 3. Rescind the Transaction:
- 4. Order Defendants to take all action necessary to terminate any security interest in Plaintiff's property created under the transaction and that the Court declare all such security interests void, including but not limited to the deed of trust related to the Transaction;
- 5. Order the return to Plaintiff of any money or property given by Plaintiff to anyone, including but not limited to Decision One and Deutsche Bank, their agents, servicers etc. in connection with the Transaction;
- 6. Enjoin Defendants and their agents, attorneys, servicers or anyone acting on their behalf, during the pendency of this action, and permanently thereafter,

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from instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining foreclosure proceedings on the Plaintiff's property, from recording any deeds or mortgages regarding the property or from otherwise taking any steps to deprive Plaintiff of ownership of that property;

- 7. Award Plaintiff statutory damages for Defendants' failure to respond properly to Plaintiff's rescission notice, in the amount of twice the finance charge in connection with the Transaction, but not less than \$200 or more than \$2,000 as provided by 15. U.S.C. § 1640(a);
- 8. Order that, because Defendants failed to properly respond to Plaintiff's notice of rescission, Plaintiff has no duty to tender, but in the alternative, if tender is required, determine the amount of the tender obligation in light of all the Plaintiff's claims, and order Defendants to accept tender on reasonable terms and over a reasonable period of time.
- 9. Award of actual damages in an amount to be established at trial:
- 10. Award Plaintiff costs and reasonable attorney's fees as provided under 15 U.S.C. §1640(a); and
- 11. Award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

### ON THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:

For an order quieting title in and to the Real Property in Plaintiff, free from any encumbrance, lien or cloud on title created as a result of the Transaction.

## ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:

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1. For costs of suit incurred herein; 2 2. For reasonable attorneys fees permitted by statute; and, 3 3. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper. 4 Dated: 10/19/07 5 6 DEBORAH L. RAYMOND, Attorney for plaintiff, CODY NICHOL'S 8 9 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 10 PLAINTIFF, CODY NICHOLS, hereby demands a jury trial as provided by Rule 11 38(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. 12 Dated: 10/19/07 13 14 for plaintiff, CODY NICHOLS 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 - 8 Nichols v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company. Complaint as Trustee For Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4 et al.

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October 16, 2007

# SENT VIA U.S. EXPRESS MAIL

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Deutsche Bank National Trust Company 60 Wall Street Mail Stop NYC60-3012 New York, NY 10005-5391

# SENT VIA FACSIMILE# 1-866-453-6315 PRIOR TO FIRST CLASS CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL. Certified Receipt# 7006 2150 0003 6678 7417

America's Servicing Company P.O. Box 10388 Des Moines, IA 50306-0388

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First American Loanstar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707

### SENT VIA FIRST CLASS CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL

Certified Receipt# 7006 2150 0003 6678 7431

Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC 38701 Seven Mile Road, Suite 350 Livonia. Michigan 48152 Attention: Cancellation Dept.

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Re: Cody Nichols

ASC Loan#1127063815

Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC Loan Number: 2080060288710
Property Address: 2010 Rancho Manzanita, Boulevard, California 91905
NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF MORTGAGE HELD BY DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4
and ORIGINATED BY DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC
A QUALIFIED WRITTEN REQUEST PURSUANT TO 12 U.S.C. §2605

Dear Sir or Madam:

This office represents Cody Nichols in his claims against Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee For Morgan Stanley Loan Trust 2006-HE4, and their assigns, servicers, agents, principals, subsidiaries and/or the holder/owner of the note for the above referenced loan (hereinafter referred to as "Creditor"). Enclosed is a copy of a Letter of Designation And Authorization signed by my client. All further communications must be directed to this office only. The debt associated with the above referenced loan number is hereby disputed.

#### **NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF MORTGAGE**

Consumer, Cody Nichols (hereinafter referred to as "Consumer"), base the following upon the understanding that Creditor is subject to the Truth In Lending Act (hereinafter "TILA"), and hereby exercise his rights under the Truth In Lending Act (15 U.S.C. §1601 et seq.), Regulation Z (12 C.I.R. § 220.1 et seq.), and related statutes and California state laws, which may include, without limitation, RESPA and California Finance Lenders laws, to rescind the above referenced loan. Without limitation, Consumer bases his right to rescind upon the fact that required disclosures pursuant to 15 USC §1601 et seq. were not provided to the Consumer, including but not limited to, two copies of a Notice of Right To Cancel containing all required information.

We are prepared to discuss a tender obligation, should it arise, and satisfactory ways in which my client may meet this obligation. Please be advised that if you do not cancel the security interest and return all consideration paid by my client within 20 days of receipt of this letter, you could be responsible for actual and statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1640(a).

Additionally, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1641(f)(2) and 12 U.S.C. § 2605, A QUALIFIED WRITTEN REQUEST is hereby made for the name, address, and telephone number of the master servicer, all the mortgage holders, all the note/loan holders, and all the owners of the loan described above. Furthermore, A QUALIFIED WRITTEN REQUEST is made for all signed

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and/or unsigned copies of the following documents, if they exist, relating to the above referenced loan:

- 1. All Notices of Right to Cancel;
- 2. HUD-1 Disclosure;
- 3. Truth In Lending Act Disclosures:
- 4. The Entire Note:
- 5. Deed of Trust:
- 6. All riders to any of the above documents;
- 7. Disclosures pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1639;
- 8. A History of Payments and other document showing the loan disbursements, loan charges, payments made, and current principal balance due;
- 9. The Entire Loan Application File; and
- 10. All correspondence.

Request is also made for an immediate written description of all information, data, or other documentation that you believe would disprove that this loan is in violation of TILA, RESPA, and/or California Finance Lenders laws and subject to rescission.

It appears that a Notice of Trustee's Sale has been recorded against my client's property, with a scheduled sale date of 11/02/2007. Please telephone me immediately at 858-481-9559 to discuss the cancellation or postponement of this sale. Be advised that your failure to postpone or cancel the 11/02/2007 sale date, and inform me of such postponement or cancellation, by no later than 4:00 p.m. (pst) on Thursday, October 18, 2007, will cause significant additional damages to my client, such damages may include emotional distress from the wrongful sale of my client's family home to a bona fide purchaser. Placing my client, his mother, and ill father on the street with no home will cause serious and irreparable harm to my client and his family. In addition, significant expense, including but not limited to attorneys' fees will be incurred from the requirement to file an Application for a Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction.

Your immediate attention to this matter is demanded.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Raymond Attorney for Cody Nichols

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I WISH TO RESCIND/CANCEL AMERICA'S SERVICING COMPANY LOAN NUMBER 1127063815 (DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC LOAN NUMBER 2080060288710). A signed photocopy, PDF, or facsimile of this wish to Rescind/Cancel shall have the same force and/or effect as a signed original.

Dated: Oct, 16, 2007

Cody Nichols

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